

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) Device for retrieving a golf ball (B), said device comprising a shaft (1; 101) and means (3), at one end of the shaft (1; 101), that is able to hold the golf ball (B), said means (3) comprising an annular element (7),

c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the holding means (3) comprises a carrier (5) for the annular element (7), that the holding means (3) further comprises a tongue (9) of flexible material, that said tongue (9) extends into the internal space that is defined by the annular element (7), that the tongue (9) has a free end, and that the tongue (9) in normal position is located in the same plane as the annular element (7) is located in.

2. (original) Device according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the annular element (7) is stationary in relation to the carrier (5).

3. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the holding means (3) comprises a second tongue (10) of rigid material, and that the second tongue (10) is pivotally connected to the carrier (5).

4. (original) Device according to claim 3, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the second tongue (10) is movable relative to the carrier (5) during the overcoming of a certain frictional resistance.

5. (currently amended) Device according to claim 3 ~~[[or 4]]~~, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the second tongue (10) is longer than the first tongue (9).

6. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1 ~~any of the previous claims~~, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the annular element (7) generally is circular.

7. (original) Holding means (3) for a golf ball, said means (3) comprising an annular element (7) and a carrier (5) for the annular element (7), c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the holding means (3) further comprises a tongue (9) of flexible material, that said tongue (9) extends into the internal space that is defined by the annular element (7), that the tongue (9) has a free end, and that the tongue (9) in normal position is located in the same plane as the annular element (7) is located in.

8. (original) Holding means (3) according to claim 7,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the holding means (3) comprises
a second tongue (10) of rigid material, and that the second tongue
(10) is pivotally connected to the carrier (5).

9. (original) Holding means (3) according to claim 8,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the second tongue (10) is
movable relative to the carrier (5) during the overcoming of a
certain frictional resistance.

10. (currently amended) Holding means according to claim 7 ~~any of~~
~~claims 7-9~~,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the annular element (7)
generally is circular.

11. (new) Device according to claim 2,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the holding means (3) comprises
a second tongue (10) of rigid material, and that the second tongue
(10) is pivotally connected to the carrier (5).

12. (new) Device according to claim 11, c h a r a c t e r i z e d
in that the second tongue (10) is movable relative to the carrier
(5) during the overcoming of a certain frictional resistance.

13. (new) Device according to claim 4,

c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the second tongue (10) is longer than the first tongue (9).

14. (new) Device according to claim 11,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the second tongue (10) is longer than the first tongue (9).

15. (new) Holding means according to claim 8,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the annular element (7) generally is circular.

16. (new) Holding means according to claim 9,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the annular element (7) generally is circular.